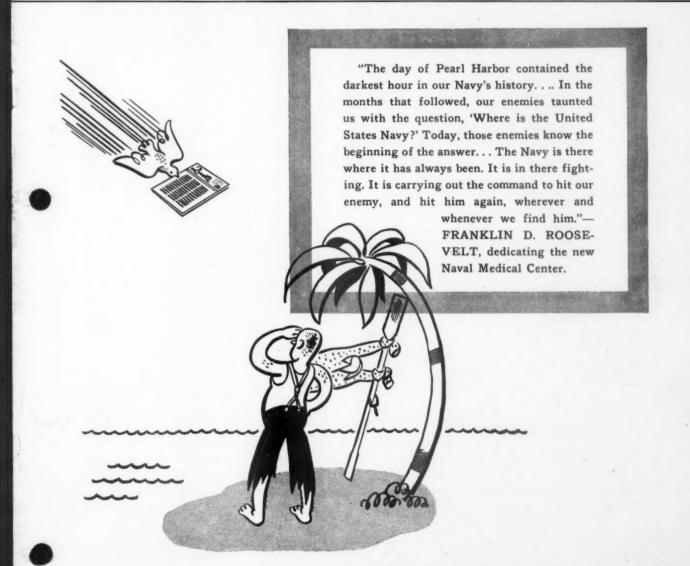
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For those who will not be Mentally Marooned

WORLD WEEK

An important objective for us stay-at-homes, as President Roosevelt pointed out months ago, is to school ourselves not to view this war on a day-to-day perspective. It is a lesson we haven't yet learned. The news has only to take a slightly more favorable turn for a few days, and the super-optimists bob up like crocuses after a spring shower. Such exuberances as, "We've got 'em on the run at last!" or "The war will be over now in a matter of months" are commonplace.

Optimism is a great thing, but it ought, certainly, to be tempered with reason and restraint, else the reaction is likely to be bad for morale. We have a long, grim war ahead of us. We aren't winning it. We haven't yet begun to win it. The best to be said is that we appear, at times, to be slackening the losing pace. This is realistic, not pessimistic view. We have no doubt of eventual outcome, but tide is still with the enemy. There aren't likely to be any "minute miracles." We need to make up our minds to that and take the headlines in stride.

RUSSIA: News dispatches have so centered on Stalingrad that we lose sight of the fact that enemy is now but a few miles from Astrakhan, chief port of the Caspian. We told you, weeks ago, this would be southern terminal of Nazi winter line. Those who expected Russian counter-attacks on central and northern sectors to ease pressure on Stalingrad do not well understand the German mind. Their plans are logical, their objectives clear, and they are not to be diverted. Stalingrad will fall, because Hitler is willing to pay the price in bone and blood to take it. The cost will be high, for there are no price-ceilings in warfare.

We see in the Russian counter-attacks primarily an effort to disrupt Nazi lines; prevent concentrations which might make possible a concerted attack on Moscow yet this year. Hitler needs Moscow, both for psychological effect, and as military headquarters. We think now he will not be able to take it before winter sets in.

AFRICA: It promises to be the battlefield of the winter. Too little is known of relative strengths—and there are too many loose potentials—to make firm forecasts. A clear-cut victory for either side might well change the course of war, but we do not see that in the near future. "Consult your local newspapers for further details."

CHINA: We would like to believe that recent victories truly reflect rising strength of Chinese Army, but it is more likely that Japanese resistance has been weakened thru diversion to other sectors. We must not, however, discount fact that China grows daily more formidable in the air. The former Flying Tigers now are supplemented by increasing numbers of adequately-trained

Quote prophesies . . .

SIBERIA: We have never rescinded our forecast of Japanese invasion. We say now, however, that it will come this month, or not this year.

RUSSIAN OIL: We are confident Russians will unhesitatingly apply "scorched earth" policy, as conditions may dictate; that this, coupled with transportation difficulties will mean little early advantage for Nazis in oil conquests.

TRANSPORTATION: On basis of our information, we forecast Nazis face far graver transport problems from here on. German railroads in bad condition; rolling stock wearing out. Continued bombing of communication centers will make matters worse. May prove the weak link.

Chinese pilots. We see Chinese-American forces going on to drive Japs out of Burma, re-open the Burma Road. This certainly is not more fantastic objective than occupation of important Chinese air bases appeared to be only a few weeks ago.

NEW GUINEA: Without discounting our victories in Solomon islands, it is well to bear in mind that Jap penetrations in New Guinea may offer graver and more immediate threat to Australia. We must watch, in particular, the overland drive toward the big allied base of Port Moresby.

MEAT RATIONING: Our forecast is now fulfilled, although it probably will be Jan 1 before actual rationing is enforced. As we told you, this will not involve any real sacrifice in nutrition for American people. While broad idea of rationing is inevitable, there's evidence of hasty, ill-advised action in early news releases. For one thing, we think counsel to use more poultry and fish will not hold. Supplies of both are limited. Packers are fighting suggestion of "meatless" days; prefer available supply be divided uniformly over sevenday period.

...—Boys and girls say its okay so long as Gov't doesn't impose "meetless" days.

Publisher.

Duote

"He Who Never Quotes, is Never Quoted"-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"There are more good Civil Air Patrol pilots in a group of 100 women than in a similar group of men."—Maj Earl Jounston, commanding officer of 2500 American woman pilots.

"Preachers must take more part in rublic life. They must take a stand and let their voices be heard. They must even pay the sacrifice, which at times may be poignant, of 'standing' for office, local or national." — Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Dir, Assn of Amer Colleges.

"The soldiers I've met behave like shy little boys at a dancing class. Not a one has tried to kiss me. No—not a one has even held my hand."—MABILYN SABLE, New York Artists' model.

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"Any one who thinks we are going to sit here in back of that ditch (the English channel) has another think coming."—Lt.-Gen Andrew G. L. Mc-Naughton, commander in chief of Canadian forces.

"We cannot afford to be bushleaguers while our enemies are big leaguers."—Maj.-Gen Daniel I. Sultan.

"There is nothing wrong with totalitarianism if it happens to be a totalitarianism under God."—Rev. J. B. SKENE, retiring moderator, Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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"Hollywood has been dealt a crushing blow by the war. Picture production has ceased, and the female stars such as Jeanette MacDonald and Shirley Temple have retired to lavish underground caves in the inland mountains of Mississippi River." —Japanese controlled radio in Manchuria.



"One glum, morose ground officer can do more damage than 25 cases of malaria." Lt.-Gen Geo. H. Brett, who leads Army aviation forces in Australian area.

"People who organize illegal church movements are too unimportant for us to take measures against them." VIDKU, QUISLING, Nazi puppet in Norway, in sharp contrast to earlier belligerent attitude.

"It might be better to fight with an army of 5,000,000 men fully equipped than to lose with an army of 10,000,000 men poorly or partially equipped, and that's the real question of policy that is being neglected by the powers-that-be."—DAVID LAWRENCE, in his syndicated column.

"The Chinese write the word crisis with two characters, one of which means 'danger' and the other 'opportunity'. That's worth remembering."—MILO PERKINS, exec director, Board of Economic Warfare.

"When I was a girl I couldn't keep my mind on my lessons. Gosh, was I boy-crazy! That's all I thought about —boys. But I outgrew that. Now, all I think about is men."—Joan Davis, motion picture and radio star. "The people want this plan, and they can get anything they want if they make their voices heard."—Beardsley Ruml, author of the "pay-as-you-go" tax plan.

"The attempt of the international oppressors of humanity, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, to starve out the European peoples can now be considered as definitely failed."—ADOLF HITLER, in his annual broadcast for the winter aid campaign.

"Every German who remains alive will kill women, children and old folks. Therefore, if I kill a German I am saving lives."—LINDMILA PAVLICHEUKO, the Russian girl sniper, credited with killing 309 Nazis. (The total, the young lieutenant explains is 311, but the first two were Rumanian and don't count because she was "just practicing".)

"God bless you, and to hell with the Japs!"—Col. LEROY P. HUNT, in a message issued to his marines just before the attack on Solomon islands.

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"Anybody can run one who can smoke a corncob pipe."—JOHN A. Mc-Cone, executive v. p., California Shipbuilding Corp., emphasizing simplicity of Liberty ship, now being built in Kalser yards in 24 days, with 18 days as ultimate goal.

"When we get more tools, we'll kill more Japs!"—Admiral Ernest J. King, U. S. Navy.

"His aim is so good, he could drop a bomb in Hitler's lap."—Comment of Comrades on skill of Bombardier Lieut. Frank Beadle, with American forces in England.

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John Doe, Marine

By HENRY McLEMORE

John Doe, marine, scrunches down inside a landing boat as it drives in toward a south sea beach.

He feels the boat ground. He hears a command. He jumps out into armpit-deep water. He wades forward. A .50-caliber slug from a machine gun hits him. He is dead.

John Doe, marine, has given his life for the United States.

That happened last month, last week, yesterday. It is happening to John Doe, marine, John Doe, engineer. John Doe, artilleryman and all of the other John Does in the service.

In the death of John Does is the answer to why those of us who have not as yet been asked to give our lives for our country should be willing to give everything else we have.

John Doe didn't want to die. He liked life, too. Not many months ago, he probably was an insurance salesman in California, a bank clerk in Georgia, or a college student in New York. He loved his family. He had a girl. He wanted to marry and have a home and raise a family. He was like millions of the rest of us. He wanted to follow the Yanks and Dodgers, and maybe get a little tight on Saturday night, and sing songs in the kitchen, root for his football team, go fishing and save his dough to buy a house.

But now he's dead.

He didn't owe any more to this country than any of the other millions of Americans. But he gave it all he had.

The reading of casualty lists is tough going, but they should be required reading in this country today.

The spoken words of men, no matter how beautifully said; or the written words of men, no matter how beautifully chosen, can never summarize patriotism, loyalty and sacrifice as well as the simple line in a casualty list that reads: Died in action: John Doe.—Condensed from Mr. McLemore's syndicated feature.

ANIMALS-In Wartime

To prevent horses from shying under gunfire and dive bombing, Nazis are adopting the method of piercing their ear drums and cutting their vocal chords, which makes them deaf mutes. They can neither hear nor make a sound when wounded, and thus give away their positions.—Horse Owners' News Sheet, Eng.

ARMY

An infantryman's idea of the

"In the beginning was the word and the word was the sergeant and the sergeanf was the world."—JOHNNY NOSTRIPE, "Soldiers Speak," Common Sense, 8-'42.

ART-In Wartime

Art cannot claim the right to remain detached from the national emergency, and artists who cannot throw their talents without reservation into a mortal struggle for art as well as life are either incompetent or priggish beyond tolerance. Pictures must in these days move masses. Posters, however clever, are a waste of paper unless they kill Germans.—J. B. Nicholas, "Is British Art Fighting?" Art & Industry.

In reply HERBERT READ writes:

What is the function of art in relation to propaganda, in relation to war, in relation to life? It is to provide us with values worth fighting for. Art is a persistent search for truth, and the truth it finds it presents in concrete form. If it is propaganda, it is propaganda of the transcendental and universal nature, far removed from "the raw facts." . . . There is no need for the artist to "turn his hand to a spot of dirty work." That is to resign the function of art, the function of civilization, and accept in place of the artistic values of civilization, the degrading motives of competitive commercialism and brutal aggression

BRIBERY

A judge was offered twenty-five thousand dollars for an opinion favorable to the plaintiff. He threw the man out and when his colleagues sympathized with him over the insult he'd been offered, he said to them:

"Gentlemen, I didn't worry about the insult; you can't insult integrity. What worried me was that he was getting too damned close to my price."—JAMES GOULD COZZENS, The Just and The Unjust, (Harcourt, Brace, \$2.50).



Hitler Heyday-Social and political debut of the new Reich Chancellor Adolf Hitler is revealed in the diary of Bella Fromm, Berlin Society Reporter (in Harper's, 9-'42). Outspoken suspicion-"It seems an ironic foreboding that the new Hitler Cabinet should start off without a Minister of Justice"-shows her immediate distaste for new regime. Repulsion at its leader is demonstrated by her remarks on meeting Hitler, "I felt only a slight nausea. The fact is, I could not even feel that he was a member of the other sex." Soon to be published in book form, diary reflects firsthand the "dull apprehension" and "intermittent terror" accompanying Nazi rise to power. ("Blood and Banquets.")

Misconceptions of China—Young and attractive author of *Pve Come A Long Way*, Helen Kuo, dicloses the new China, compares it with the old Japan. She tells of her happy childhood; of her unconventional grandmother; of beds with heating systems; of delicious foods; and by simply doing so proves her final assertion that "We are a people whose most deeply rooted principle is harmonious living."—("The China You Don't Know," *Vogue*, 9-1-'42.)

66 99 War and Birds-A torpedoed tanker goes down. From its wrecked hull pours sticky black oil forming acres of slick over the choppy surface of the sea. Birds are attracted to the glistening patch, come down to rest. and never rise again. War is indeed far-reaching that hundreds of sea birds must meet their death as an indirect result. Roger T. Peterson reports (in Audobon Magazine, 7 & 8-'42) the number of birds washed ashore, dead because their feathers had become gummed with oil and they could no longer fly. He describes a means of saving those rescued while still alive: counsels international safety measures for sea birds at the close of the war. ("Birds and Floating Oil.")



COMPETITION

Cemeteries are so quiet because the poys under the headstones are not trying to keep up with the mausoleum crowd.—OSCAR AMERINGER, quoted in City Lawyer by ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS. (Simon & Schuster, \$3.00.)

Spirit of 1942

I am only one,
But I am one;
I can't do everything,
But I can do something,
And what I can do,
And what I should do
By the grace of God I will do.

—U. S. Civil Service Commissioner HARRY B. MITCHELL, speaking at Denver, Aug 28.

CO-OPERATION-In Industry

Not many years ago, industrial plants were guarded from curious visitors like the rock of Alcatraz, lest a competitor learn something about a secret process.

Today "Secret process" means secret to the enemy nations, not secret to the competitors of the industry using it.

In St. Louis, a production Advisory Committee of munitions makers meets every Monday evening. Competitors sit around a table and swap ideas, tools, materials, formulas—one for all and all for Victory.— Nation's Business, 8.'42.

CULTURE

In recent years before the war, the German bookstores used to sell a beautiful calendar containing for each month a decisive and characteristic utterance of one of the Nazi Grandees. On one of the pages one could read in heavy gothic lettering this sentence: "When I hear the word culture, I grab my revolver."—News from Belgium, 8-15-42.

DEFEAT-In Victory

Russia has been and remains a total loss to Germany. It is an often misused statement, but it is true in the case of the Russian war, that Germany has been winning herself to death. Every fresh gain of Russian territory has meant a severe economic loss—a loss of valuable man-power to Germany's own factories—to the Nazis. Every military gain inside Russia has been an economic defeat to the most important element of the German home front: the arms factories.—Howard K. Smith, Last Train from Berlin, (Knopf, 2.75).

The Pied Piper of Hamlin

When Hitler's hosts marched into Norway, Sigrid Undset, Nobel prize winner whose books had been banned in Germany, fled her country to safety in the United States. Return to the Future (Knopf, \$2.50) is the journal of this hegira. Accompanied by her son Hans, (Anders, her other son, had been kilked early in the sixty days of Norwegian resistance). Madame Undset reached America, "where the road leads back to the future," after flight thru Sweden, Russia, Siberia and Japan. Her observations enroute are frank and penetrating, as is this unique interpretation of a familiar German legena:

It is a well-known fact that practically the entire body of Europe's folklore-the orally transmitted treasure of folk-legends, myths, fairy-tales, and ballads-is the common possession of all its peoples; much of this folk-lore has been replanted in American soil from all corners of the Old World. Not a few of these folk-tales emigrated to Europe from Asia, not a few of them have parallels and kindred forms in the Negroes' and Indians' treasure of folk-lore. But there is a German folk-legend which has never been told by any other people, as far as I know; that is the legend about the Pied Piper of Hamlin. It is exclusively through printed sources that this legend has become known outside Germany. That is, the first part of the story is known also from other parts of the world: in Norway and Denmark, for example, we have a legend about a stranger who comes and offers to free a district from the vermin who infest itswarms of rats or (in Norwegian and Danish forms of the legend) a deluge of vipers. Now, it is a common feature in all folk-lore - legends or fairytales-that animals act and behave and talk as if they had human minds. Michael Fox and Bruin in our Norwegian folk-tales, coyotes and buffaloes in the prairie Indians' stories. seals and white fish in Eskimo myths, tigers and jackals and apes in Hindu fairy-tales, have been endowed with human mentality. But to confer rat mentality upon their own children, to invent a story in which human children, small girls and boys, react no differently from any other swarm of vermin-that the Germans have been alone in doing. The story about the Pied Piper of Hamlin is so intimately German that it must seem completely incomprehensible to all other peoples. It is the most subtle and revealing self-portrait that any nation in the world has ever produced.

FALSE FRONT—Futility

Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid a call on the War Office soon after he assumed his post. One high ranking officer, anxious to impress the Premier with his bustling activity, arranged to have a huge pile of correspondence brought in as soon as the Prime Minister entered his office.

Soon after, Mr. Churchill appeared. He noticed the decorations on the officer's chest. "Ah, I see you are an old soldier, sir," he said.

The officer bowed modestly. At this moment, an aide came into the room, staggering under a load of letters that almost hid him from view. Mr. Churchill, thoroughly familiar with the tricks of the trade, took one look at the mountain of mail, and turned to his host.

"Yes," he murmured, "a very old soldier."—Milwaukee Journal,

FARMS-War Production

Groups of farmers in Georgia are raising a percentage of their hogs under a "V" brand. These hogs are given special feed for 100 days and then sold in a group. All proceeds go into War Bonds. The farmers claim the hogs bring higher prices because "they have been fed with a vengeance."—Clements Comments, No. 158.

HOUSING-Shortage

The nation's capital is a rentcontrolled city with what is beginning to look like a thriving black market, judging from the following ad which appeared in the Washington Star.

\$50 War Bond Reward

For information leading to our renting unfurnished 2-bedroom apartment, N. W., by Sept. 12; up to \$150; couple; references, Please call DU 3025.

INTERNATIONAL RELA-TIONS—Self Interest

A Montenegrin, asked how many there were of his people—and there are about 200,000—said: "With Russia, 180,000,000." "Yes, but how many without the Russians?" The Montenegrin replied, "We will never desert the Russians."—REBECCA WEST, Nineteenth Century.

News of the New

ARMY—Diet: Youngsters who jokingly re'erred to breakfast cereal as "hay", may now be eating real thing, according to reports from Australia. Diet of American soldiers includes cured, finely-ground lucerne (alfalfa). Included on recommendation of food council, as rich source vitamins A and C.

ERASATZ: Domestic mountain shrubs will soon be substituting for imported briar in the making of fine pipes, according to late trade reports.

FOOD: "She looks like a woman who could pick a good cantaloupe," said philosopher Abe Martin, describing competent appearance of neighborhood newcomer. But now Science takes over. Electromagnetic rods thrust against melons and fruits register vibrations as modified by ripeness. Pointer on dial indicates when product is prime for eating.

SALVAGE-Rubber: Dr. Carl Omeron believes rubber which wears off tires remains on pavement; advocates salvage unit to recover rubber from streets, notably on curves and at sudden stops. Each tire is believed to deposit one lb rubber annually.

SCIENCE: New method of prying into "family secrets" of molecules, described last week at meeting of American Inst of Physics. Application of this method in liquid products of petroleum quickly revealed amounts of various hydro-carbon compounds; i.e., various types or "families" of hydrogen and carbon molecules. Speed and correctness in determining what molecules are present in special chemical patterns is important consideration in industry. From these molecules, synthetic rubber and many plastics are produced. 44 99

SEASICKNESS: Three Canadian doctors declare it can be cured by learning to breathe in and out, with up and down rhythm of the ship.

VITAMINS: Migraine headaches, dizzy spells, ringing in ears and deafness of Meniere's disease, now relieved thru dosage of niacin, B-complex vitamin formerly known as nicotinic acid. Suffering in these conditions traces to constriction of blood vessels. Niacin dilates blood vessels.

MARRIAGE-Proposal

Harry Hopkins' proposal to Mrs. Macy is an item for the books, but her reply is historical. It seems that he was calling to take her to a Washington dinner party. Before they left, he said, "I was talking to the President today and I asked if he thought you would say yes, if I asked you to marry me. The President said he thought you would." "The President is always right," she replied.

NATIONALITY

Not to be English is hardly regarded as a fatal deficiency even by the English, though grave enough to warrant sympathy. — BERYL MARKHAM, West With the Night, (Houghton Mifflin, \$3).

NEWSPAPERS—War

Interpretation

The basic assumption, common to weighers of consumer-consciousness. that the average adult possesses the mind of a twelve-year-old, has led the Press into strange byways. It results principally in the estimate that twelveyear-olds can't take it and must, therefore, be fed sugar-coated cathartic pills via the headlines. Perhaps a new high in optimistic fantasy was reached on the morning of August seventh by an English-language morning paper in Montreal in front pag-"R.A.F. Destroys 420 Axis Planes, Loses Only 432." Purely as a laboratory experiment these glowing words were shown to a twelve-yearold boy. He burst out laughing. "Only 432?"-Editorial in The Montrealer, Canada, 8-'42.

OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Belgians have devised an annoying little rebellion against anti-Semitic measures, recently laid down by the Nazis. Whenever it is necessary to clarify a word over the telephone, it is spelled out with each letter representing a Jewish name: A as in Abraham; B as in Benjamin; M as in Moses.

In Norway the wearing of red caps, stockings and scarves—is driving Nazis to frantic editorials and threats of reprisals. Since the Russian "crusade" the Germans have developed an extreme touchines to the "odious" color.

PHILOSOPHY

A philosopher is a man who is trying to kid himself into believing that he is happy though poor.



The fact that Senate finance committee last week "tentatively" turned down the Ruml tax plan dresn't necessarily indicate final disposition. The idea of a "pay-as-you-earn" tax plan has caught on. Witholding tax now seems certain for next year, and we foresee some modification of Ruml plan in eventual tax program. It's simple matter of mathematics: Average taxpayer simply can't pay two years' tax bill in one calendar year and meet rising cost of living.

OPA struck false note in publicising injunction against Henry Kaiser, the shipbuilder, for buying steel in so-called "black market." Without going into merits of case, public reasons that steel went into ships, and ships are our greatest need to lick the Axis. Kaiser is now public idol and OPA action may well make him a martyr.

There's report that fuel oil rationing on Eastern seaboard is to be on basis of maintaining temperature 65 degrees or better for 16 hrs; 55 degrees or better for 8 hrs. . . . Money spent by individuals and firms in advertising to promote sale of War bonds and stamps may be deducted as "business expense" on income tax return. . . . Navy will no longer assign brothers to same ship, upon request, following tragedy of USS Arizona, where three brothers were lost.

Classification section at Ft Custer has dug out this illuminating report of selectee's experience: "Combination meat-cutter and embalmer's asst." . . .

Adams Co Ill tire rationing board lost a member last week. Frank Chatten's tires gave out, so he couldn't drive to Quincy for weekly meetings.

Shoplifting losses are up in England, explained by lack of packaging, which makes it easy for browsers to walk off with small items. This is the latest Nazi joke, reported from Berlin, via Lisbon: "Don't think—Hitler will think for you; Goebbels will speak for you, and Goering will eat for you!"

POLITICS—Elections

How strange that people aren't insulted when conscissmen say in effect: "We dare not do our duty after election, lest we lose your votes."—
Akron Beacon-Journal.

PREACHERS—Duties

Just down below here they have had a great installation service. A minister is taking a new parish have been getting him suitably parked.

"What do they do when they install a minister, Papa? Do they put him in a stall and feed him?"

"Oh no, son, they hitch him to a church and expect him to pull it."—GEORGE B. GILBERT, Christian Herald, 9-42.



United We Stand

A husbandman who had a quarrelsome family, after having tried in vain to reconcile them by words, thought he might more readily prevail by an example. So he called his sons and bade them lay a bundle of sticks before him. Then having tied them up into a fagot, he told the lads, one after another, to take it up and break it. They all tried, but tried in vain. Then, untying the fagot, he gave them the sticks to break one by one. This they did with the greatest ease. Then said the father: "Thus, my sons, as long as you remain united, you are a match for all your enemies; but differ and separate, and you are undone."-AESOP.

SCARCITIES

Innocently enough a purchasing agent dictated this note to one of his regular sources of supply.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send us a copy of your most recent catalog? J. Madison, P A

By return mail came this reply: Dear Mr. Madison:

After reading your inquiry we are afraid you are thinking of sending us an order. It looks suspicious to us,

The only part of our catalog we are

American Scene

The War-in Hollywood

By Colvin McPherson

With scenes of combat hard to get and with the best of them made up of tiny ships, at a great distance, nondescript puffs of smoke and airplanes that have to be circled to be seen at all, Hollywood's movie makers are up against it in trying to present a 1942 model war to the customers.

Moreover, although the defense of Wake Island, the siege of Bataan, the battles in the Coral Sea and at Midway have been pretty well documented, these great initial events of World War II still permit no free handling by Hollywood's writers as story material. And yet, if Hollywood was ever required to keep up to date, it is now.

One California concern has found an interesting way out of the difficulty. Going no farther than half a mile from home, the enterprising Warner Bros. have glorified workers at the Lockheed airplane factory at Burbank, Cal. Wings of the Eagle" is dedicated "to our airplane factory workers"—not Warner's but Uncle Sam's and is a surprisingly absorbing film. Compared to such 1942 output as "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "Kings Row," "H. M. Pulham, Esq." and "Johnny Eager," it is unusually alert and alive. Seeing it will give many

persons a sudden waking-up to the world of today which they may have postponed before.

Story material always is available where masses of people are and right now masses are working in the defense industries. The gold rush of a California, the oil booms of Texas and Oklahoma, the pell-mell settlement of the West after the Civil War have all provided Hollywood with drama, comedy and spectacle many times. Why not, then, the mushroom growth around the defense plants, the rush for jobs, the free spending, the crowded housing and so on? "Wings For the Eagle" recognizes and reflects all this and has a freshness and originality that make it very desirable.

Its main characters are all workers—Dennis Morgan, who goes into aircraft work to avoid the draft, to have "a cozy place to snuggle when the bugle blows," Jack Carson, a dumb guy who wants to be an engineer and who spends his money on a gypping correspondence course; George Tobias, the foreign-born shop foreman whose patriotism is of the highest order, and Ann Sheridan, who works in personnel and contributes trim ankles, a radiant complexion, a musical voice and fluffy hair And probably has 20-20 vision, too, for all we know.

-St. Louis Post Dispatch.

still certain about is the line that says, "Established in 1885." All other information and prices have been withdrawn.

Nevertheless, we will gladly meet you halfway by showing you how to calculate costs, if you will promise to send the order to someone else.

The F S Monroe Company.

—The Wolf Magazine of Letters 8-'42.

TOLERANCE—American

I think my American pupils deserve the highest praise for their tolerance, under war conditions, of their Japanese classmates. Today they are spending all their spare time in the fields, doing their best to help salvage this year's crops. And, oddly enough, they have been using a small part of their earnings to send candy, gum, and so forth to their Japanese classmates in Assembly Centers.

Yes! All this could happen only in America.—Mrs. Claire Sprague, California teacher, in a letter to Saturday Evening Post, 8-15-'42.

WAR-Blackouts

A blackout is a terribly impressive thing. A trivial incident may illustrate it. An American friend in England in leaving the hotel just ahead of me did what I then realized I had almost done a score of times. He went around in the revolving door twice, because he couldn't tell when he was out.—PAUL H. APPLEBY, "Wartime Relations with Britain," Vital Speeches of the Day, 8-15-42.

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Legend of the Leg

By Douglas Jerrold

This fable, which Jerrold wrote for Punch in the Victorian era, is an enduring testament to the Power of Propaganda. It affords an interesting analogy of Hitler's lie-spreading. Indeed, as William Rose Benet suggests, in Saturday Review of Literature, "Today you can make people believe even in a mental cripple!"

Serene and balmy was the 9th of June morning, 1549, when three men, dressed as heralds, and superbly mounted on piebald horses, appeared in the streets of Utrecht. Immediately behind them, mounted on a mule richly caparisoned, rode a man, or rather a human bundle—a hunchback, with his naked right leg less than a goose's over-roasted drumstick.

The procession halted before the burgomaster's door. The heralds blew so loud a blast that every man's money danced in his pocket. One herald then unburdened himself:

"Let it be known that our most noble master, now present, the worthy Vandenhoppenlimpen, has the most perfect right leg of all the sons of earth. In token whereof he now exhibiteth the limb; whereat all men shout and admire!"

On the instant the dwarf cocked up his withered stump, self-complacently laying his hand upon his heart; and at the same moment the crowd screamed and roared, and abused and reviled the dwarf, whilst market-women discharged ancient eggs at him.

The next morning, and every day for six months the unwearied heralds proclaimed the surpassing beauty of Vandenhoppenlimpen's right leg, and every day the leg was exhibited. After a time, the leg was considered with new and growing deference.

"After all, we must have been mistaken—there surely is something in the leg," said one burgher.

"I have some time thought so," answered another.

"It is my faith," said the Burgomaster's grandmother "that Vandenhoppenlimpen's leg is the only leg on earth made as a leg should be."

In a short season, this faith became the creed of the mob.

Good Stories

"I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE"

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In an effort to make Americans realize the grave danger of the Hitler menace, a group of U S journalists in Germany obtained permission to broadcast one of Hitler's speeches in the autumn of 1932.

The Sportspalast was jammed with 20,000 Brown Shirts. There on the platform was Goering, who had heard the same speech 250 times before and was sound asleep. There was Goebbels, tapping his club foot nervously. Hess sitting straight and silent as a sphinx, and Ley indu'ging in his favorite pastime-belching. We described them all, but it did not seem like much of a broadcast until we discovered among the dignitaries on that platform-one old lady-and we knew that our broadcast was saved-Hitler's old mother, who had come all the way from Brannau in Austria to attend her son's triumph. We described every wrinkle in the old lady's glowing face with real emotional pressure.

There was only one thing wrong with that part of the broadcast (which, by the way, did not wake up anybody in America). This was in the fall of 1932. We did not know that Hitler's mother had died in 1904—nor, apparently, did anyone hearing our broadcast—so little did people care about Hitler those few short years ago.

A soldier up at a camp in Massachussetts went to his superior officer and requested a furlough because his wife was "expecting." Leave was granted. The soldier returned, and the following week he again requested a furlough for the same reason—"my wife is expecting." Again a furlough was granted. But when the buck private repeated the third time, again giving as the reason the excuse that

the wife was expecting, his officer, impatient, asked the soldier who could his wife be expecting. In all candor the private responded:

"She's expecting me, sir."—Alois Havilla.

"Will this suit hold its shape?" asked the customer.

"Absolutely!" replied the salesman.
"It it made of pure virgin wool."

"Never mind about the morals of the sheep," continued the customer. "All I want to know is whether it will hold its shape."—Phoenix Flame.

WISECRACKS of the Week

In accord with the eternal fitness of things, a girl with teeth like pearls often will be as dumb as an oyster.—The Alexander Animator, mag of Alexander Film Co.

If you're one of the fellers that think labor is gittin' too much, just try hiring a son t' do somethin' he's already supposed to do.—Tode TUTTLE.

Great things, on occasion, have been done with secret weapons. Having enough of the weapons that everyone knows about is nice, too.—Detroit News.

You can't raise a Victory crop from seeds of suspicion.—C. R. CALLHAN, Chesapeake & Ohio Lines Mag.

A young chap, whose sweetie had just made him the happiest man alive, went into a jewelry store to buy the engagement ring. He picked up a sparkling diamond and asked its price.

"That one is \$100," replied the jeweler gently.

The young man looked startled, then whistled. He pointed to another ring, "And this one?"

"That, sir," said the jeweler still more gently, "is two whistles."

